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In re Application of

FRAAS et al.

Serial No.: 08/835,419

Art Unit: 1764

Filed: April 9, 1997

Examiner: A. Doroshenk

For: PRETREATMENT PROCESS TO REMOVE OXYGEN FROM COAL EN ROUTE
TO A COAL PYROLYSIS PROCESS AS A MEANS OF IMPROVING THE
QUALITY OF THE HYDROCARBON LIQUID PRODUCT

RESPONSE

To the Director of Patents and Trademarks

Sir:

In response to the office action dated March 17, 2003, Paper
No. 19, kindly reconsider and allow all claims.